

BRENTWOOD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MARCH 23, 2010

Convened: 6:30 p.m.

Present: Kevin Johnston
Andrew Artimovich
Jane Byrne
David Menter
Jeffrey Bryan

The Board met and reviewed payroll, accounts payable, and signed the register. The Board reviewed and signed the recreation register.

Jonathan Ellis was in to present the weekly Treasurer's report.

The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of the 3/16/10 meeting. Menter made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Byrne seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

The Board reviewed the notes:

- The current fee schedule for impact fees, which was prepared by Bruce Mayberry in 2007, was based on the proposed development of a new fire facility as well as some capital cost recoupment for investment in apparatus. The balance of the Fire Department impact fee account at the end of January was \$1,757.23. The Board would like to leave the impact fee funds in the account to accumulate.
- The Board would like to get bids on lighting for the Town Office parking areas.
- The Board would like to get information regarding the installation of a security camera in the Town Office.
- Byrne made a motion, seconded by Artimovich, to have the highway department remove a "No Trespassing" sign and wire that are across an old path on the former Hudgens property. All voted in favor. The property is owned by the Town and the Rockingham Land Trust holds the conservation easement for it. The easement indicates that the Town reserves the right to permit or prohibit access to the property and to post against such public access.
- A motion was made by Johnston, with a second from Menter to move pay day to Fridays as of 4/9/2010 in order to allow for direct deposit. All voted in favor.
- The Board received copies of the existing Selectmen's Board Meeting Policy, which was last amended in 1998, and a draft of a revised policy. The members will review it during the next week for discussion at next week's meeting.
- E9-1-1 is strongly urging the Board to change the name of one end of Rowell Rd to avoid any confusion with emergency responders. The Board decided not to change the name.
- Drafts of the revised employee handbook will be sent to all Board members in the next few days for discussion at the next meeting.
- Johnston made a motion, seconded by Bryan, to look into the timber cutting taking place at the Holt property to determine if a permit should have been completed. All voted in favor.

The Board signed the following documents:

- Yield Tax Assessments for MacMullen, Shippee and Noyes and the Timber Tax Warrant to go to the Tax Collector.
- Artimovich made a motion to allow Johnston to sign a Letter of Intent to enter into a contract with Ricci Construction to construct the Fire Station. Motion was seconded by Byrne; all voted in favor.
- Letters of commendation for Wayne Robinson and Kevin Lemoine for their outstanding performance during and after the wind storm.
- Road Agent Wayne Robinson reported that Brentwood Distribution would accept debris from residences if the Town chooses to provide curbside pickup and the logger will be available.

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FEMA will only reimburse for 75% of the total expense. Concern was expressed regarding where payment of the town's 25% would come from considering budgets are already tight. A form from Homeland Security & Emergency Management indicating that the Town will not be providing curbside pickup of storm related debris was signed by the Board.

Johnston mentioned that as Chairman, he is not going to allow open discussion from the public during periods of Selectmen discussion. There will be time at the end of the meeting during public session for public comment/dialogue. In addition, the chair will be the only one that recognizes any one in the audience. Artimovich disagreed and said if someone in the audience is patient and is called upon by the chair, they should be able to comment on the topic. Johnston said the meetings are for the Selectmen and for the Selectmen to run the town's business; it is not an open forum for anyone to come in and comment on the discussion. He continued that if someone had something pertinent to share regarding the topic of discussion, he would recognize the individual. Johnston explained that if we have a large attendance in the audience some time and everyone wants to speak out, we're going to have pandemonium. It is Johnston's goal to limit outbursts and spontaneous opinions. Johnston read a "blurb" regarding RSA 91-A which only assures the right to attend a public meeting, not a right to participate; and explains that "open to the public" does not mean that the Right to Know Law grants anyone the right to speak at the meeting.

Wayne Robinson, road agent, said that the construction company doing the work on the Rte 125/111A intersection is looking for permission to store about 500 yards of sand on the fire station site. The Selectmen said it is ok with them but recommend they get in touch with Ricci Construction to determine the best place to put it. Johnston commented that Robinson asked him about this the other day and he feels this decision is within the purview of the chairman to make. Artimovich said he thought that would be OK as long as an email was sent to all members informing them of what has transpired.

As Police Chief, Robinson mentioned that the Dodge Charger is in the garage. The coolant system that goes to the transmission gave way.

The members were assigned as Selectmen's representative on the following committees:

Johnston: Planning Board

Artimovich: ZBA

Bryan: Fire Dept Construction Oversight Committee & Budget Committee

Menter: Conservation Commission

Byrne: Joint Loss Committee

At 7:30 p.m. Bryan made a motion, seconded by Artimovich, to adjourn. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Stevens